



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

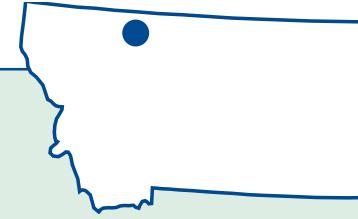
Shelby, MT

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Shelby was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Shelby (population 3,327) is a rural community that relies heavily on agriculture and oil and gas production for economic viability. Recently, land values have declined, crops have dried up, and oil and gas activity has plummeted. As a result, many residents have had to take lower-paying jobs and, in many cases, second jobs. More than 40 percent of city residents are considered low-to-moderate income. Cleanup of the Shelby Refinery will remove the threat to human health posed by petroleum wastes. A private concrete, sand, and gravel business hopes to relocate there once the site is clean. This facility will provide job opportunities, and generate construction and operation revenues.



Cleanup Grant

\$199,700 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Shelby for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to remove and dispose of petroleum wastes at the abandoned Shelby Refinery site. The site was built in 1940 to process crude oil into gasoline. Funds also will be used to monitor and oversee the cleanup process, and conduct community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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http://www.epa.gov/region08/land_waste/bfhome/bfhome.html

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